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REMARKS

The present amendment is prepared in accordance with the new revised requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A complete listing of all the claims in the application is shown above showing the status of each claim.

Applicant appreciates the thorough search conducted by the Examiner in examining the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks below.

Claims 4 and 9 have been amended to correct for typographical and/or clerical errors.

Claims 1-3, 18-20, 24-30, 34-43 have been canceled.

Claims 44-48 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

In the Specification

In accordance with the Examiner's requirement, applicant has canceled the amended language of the specification in the paragraph at page 17, line 18 and in the paragraph at page 19, line 11, lines 4-5 of the previous amendment.

No new matter has been added.

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In the Drawings

For clarification purposes only, applicant has attached hereto a complete set of the originally filed drawings, which are currently pending in the foregoing application.

No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-18 are allowable subject to complying with the requirements set forth in the above-identified office action. Claims 4 and 9 have merely been amended to remove the objected to language. In particular, applicant has amended claim 4 to include the deleted "receiving means on" in line 9 and to amended "mechanism" to read -- means --. Such amendments in the previous amendment were inadvertent and merely due to typographical and/or clerical errors. In claim 9, applicant has amended "attachment devices" to read - swivel hooks - , and has reinserted in line 13 the language -- an end of -- which was inadvertently deleted. Accordingly, since claim 18 has been canceled, applicant submits that claims 4-17 are now in a condition for allowance.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 21-23 and 31-33.

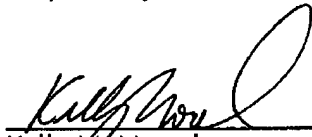
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The Examiner has also stated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all limitations of its base claims and any intervening claims. As such, applicant has rewritten claim 3 as new independent claim 44, which includes the limitations of claim 3, base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Claims 34, 35, 36 and 38, which were dependent upon canceled claim 1, have been canceled and rewritten as new claims 45-48, respectively.

It is submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that the application is in a condition where allowance of the case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner not find the claims to be allowable, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned to clarify any issue and/or to place the case in condition for allowance.

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